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## WEEKENDWEATHER

**FRIDAY**



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**SATURDAY**



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**SUNDAY**



HI 50  
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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church Annex.

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The third Tuesday of every month a cancer support group is held at Laura Street Baptist Church. Call 582-8874 for more information.

## TODAY

Food court Italian buffet.

Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Education majors: Spring 2007 student teachers meet with University supervisors, 3 p.m., Brown Hall

Art Show and Pottery Sale, 4 to 8 p.m., Fine Arts Building

Yuletide Feaste, 6:30 p.m., Union Ballroom

John Louder painting exhibit closes

## SATURDAY

Missouri Academy Preview Day

Women's and men's basketball at Southwest Baptist, Bolivar

## SUNDAY

Wesley Center Luminary Lights of Car, 8 p.m.

APD Children's Show, 2 p.m. Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

## HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at Heartlandview.com

## KNWT CHANNEL 8 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday

7 p.m. Etc.

7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest

8 p.m. Bearcat Update

8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

[NwMissourinews.com](http://NwMissourinews.com)

Visit the web for:

To view a multi-media package on car and winter safety by NwMissourinews.com reporter Kyle Martin.

A full Bearcat semi-final wrap-up after Sunday's game against Bloomsburg.

## -WINTER SAFETY

# Take caution amid cold months

Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporter

Although Maryville dodged snow storms last week, the weather served as a reminder for winter precautions everyone should take.

Many local officials say preparation is the key.

First of all, vehicle safety is an important consideration this winter.

A vehicle should be inspected by an authorized mechanic before the temperature dips below freezing

said Marshall Shell, owner of Shell's Service. However, vehicles can still be inspected.

"It's not too late now, you've got a lot of winter left," Shell said.

A mechanic should check plugs, wires, windshield wipers, anti-freeze, tires, hoses and fans. Anything a person notices during the summer will get worse in the winter, he said.

If a battery is older than four years it needs to be replaced or checked. If the battery does go dead it's important to charge it right away to it doesn't freeze because it will be

ruined.

Fuel levels should be kept high during the winter months because it keeps the fuel pump in good working condition, and it will allow a car to run for awhile if it gets stranded.

Branded gasoline should be used over non-branded gasoline during winter, Shell said, because branded gasoline is less likely to get water in it.

It's also important to have a good spare tire, jumper cables, a blanket and flairs in a vehicle.

If a person added water to their

radiator during the summer they should remove the water, and make sure they have a windshield washer fluid that won't freeze, Shell said.

On an icy or snowy day Shell said driving speeds should be lowered by 25 percent.

"Just be careful until you get used to the road," Shell said.

But even all the car precautions can't prevent some accidents if the roads aren't maintained.

As a result, the city of Maryville has four plows, two road graters and two salt spreaders that also

have plows on them. There are nine trained, and there are people in other departments who are also trained to use the equipment.

The city doesn't budget a fixed amount for winter street clean up, the funds come from the \$55,000 street maintenance budget that is used for all street projects during the year.

The city puts molasses-coated salt on icy streets, said Greg Decker, director of Public Works.

Members of Public Works use

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# 3 MARYVILLE'S WONDERLAND



MARYVILLE RESIDENT Margaret Palmer has acquired more than 500 snowmen for her house and lawn over the years. People often give them to her as gifts because they know how much she loves them. Each year, her family helps place them around the house.

Resident spends many years collecting more than 500 snowmen

Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

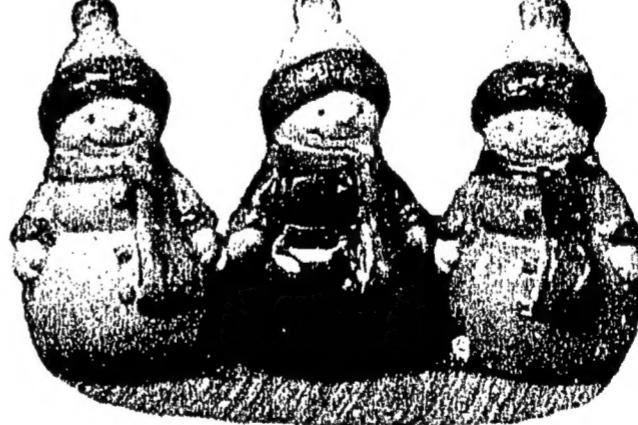
**W**ith a corn cob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal, Frosty the Snowman transforms into multiple shapes and sizes in the collection of one Maryville woman.

Margaret Palmer's accumulation of over 500 snowmen fills her small house with smiles and rosy cheeks each holiday season.

"I've never seen a sad one and since I love snow, I just love snowmen and their happy and cute little faces," Palmer said.

After the turkey leftovers from Thanksgiving are gone, everyone in the Palmer family knows it's time to put out the snowmen. Through the help of her daughter, grandchildren and husband, the snowmen are carefully placed throughout the house within four to five days.

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# Not all students celebrate Christmas

Andrea James, Sarah Dulinsky  
Missourian Reporters

Northwest student Fazil Khaja is going to his brother's wedding over winter break.

This is the time of year that Khaja and his friends and family can all get together and see each other after four months of classes and homework.

Khaja doesn't celebrate Christmas; he is Muslim and instead celebrates the Festival of Eid-ul-Fitr in October.

Eid-ul-Fitr celebrates the end of a month long fast, according to Islam.org.

"Before Eid we have to fast sunrise to sunset for a whole month. We can't

drink water, eat food or even swallow spit," Khaja said.

Muslims celebrate Eid in the 10th month of the Islamic calendar. This festival is a time when Muslims celebrate gratitude for Allah and practice love, sympathy and concern for others.

Khaja uses his winter break to go home and spend time with his family and friends.

"I am going to my brother's wedding because this is a time that is right for everybody to get together. I sometimes go to services with my Christian friends too," Khaja said.

Christmas is a Christian holiday that has been celebrated for 4,000 years, according to Holidays.net. This is a holi-

day that has been publicized extensively by the media.

In 2000, there were 185 Nodaway County citizens that were listed as "other" on the Association of Religion Data Archives, according to Thearda. The section of "other" includes Hindu, Jewish and Muslim religions.

Another holiday celebration that isn't widely advertised is Kwanzaa. In the past, Northwest has given students the opportunity to participate in this celebration.

Kwanzaa is an African holiday that celebrates family, community and culture. Its name comes from "matunda ya

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# DUNHAM'S NO DUMMY

COMEDIAN  
JEFF Dunham laughs as his puppet Walter entertains the crowd at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Tuesday. Dunham lives in Southern California but has performed all over the United States.



## CAMPUSBRIEFS

## Student art up for show, sale

Northwest's department of art will hold the winter edition of its biannual Student Art Show and Sale from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 8, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 9, in the Fine Arts Building, which is located east of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

The show features pottery, paintings, drawings, prints and photographs created by upper-level art students at Northwest.

Pottery and two-dimensional works will be for sale. Shoppers can pay for artwork with cash or check.

Proceeds from the show and sale go to students to help offset the cost of art supplies.

For more information, contact the department of art at 562-1324.

## Commencement reminder

Northwest's winter commencement will take place at 1 p.m., Dec. 15, in Bearcat Arena.

Doors open at noon. Guests do not need tickets to attend, and a reception for graduates, families and guests will follow in the basement area beneath the arena.

This year's commencement speaker is Sang-joo Lee of Seoul, South Korea. Currently publisher of the monthly magazine "Local Autonomy," Lee served as president of Sungshin Women's University from 2003 to 2006.

He is also the former deputy prime minister and minister of Korea's Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development and, from 2001 to 2002, served as chief of staff to the South Korean president.

Graduating students can pick up their caps and gowns, along with commencement instruction packets, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Dec. 11, through Dec. 14, and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Dec. 15, at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

For more information about commencement, call Gina Bradley, commencement coordinator, Office of University Relations at (660) 562-1143.

## Residence halls closing early due to National Championship

All campus residence halls will close at noon on Dec. 15, in anticipation of the Bearcats playing at the NCAA Division II National Championship Game in Florence, Ala.

The time was moved back from 6 p.m. in order to allow students time to travel safely to the game, according to Residential Life.

However, if students will not be ready to move out by noon, they can sign up to stay until 6 p.m. at their residence hall's front desk.

## Experiment involves students

## National Science Foundation considers Palm Pilot study

Angela Smith  
Missourian Reporter

"That's real world stuff," Heeler said. "It's exactly what they will be using. That is training them for real world experience at fourth, fifth and sixth grade levels."

Throughout the program, students used scientific sensing probes to also measure electricity, temperature, force and motion for various studies. The probes interact wirelessly with the handheld computers so students can conduct these experiments from their fingertips.

"We got all the equipment and now we are doing some additional research with them this year to help them follow up," said Joe Suchan, fourth grade teacher at Horace Mann. "But we liked that so much that we bought some additional ones [probes] with the school's money."

Suchan says the opportunity to participate in the program sets Horace Mann apart from other schools.

"It should mean more equipment and hopefully more recent

ognition for the school, too, some national recognition," Suchan said.

Teachers and students second through sixth grade have actively used the handheld computers for four years. Every student has access to their own handheld. They are used as a supplemental tool in areas of math, science and reading.

Suchan says they improve students' skills and make them more excited about learning.

"I hope it continues to motivate them and continue to increase test scores in math, science, social studies, reading," Suchan said. "Obviously test scores are

important to us, but just to see their overall achievement and their desire to learn. My goal is to keep their interest in learning and keep them up to date in technology."

The National Science Foundation program for this year is still in the planning process.



## Donation to foster multiculturalism

Andrea James  
Missourian Reporter

ISPC and the events it will eventually sponsor. ISPC-sponsored programs by the might include speakers, movies, concerts and other programs that would involve students, Fulton said.

The ISPC is also asking other faculty members to help finance programs, Fulton said. They want to find a way to coordinate and encourage activities inside the University by bringing and sending students abroad.

"We want to try to encourage the faculty to think of some projects that would help students see the wider world," Fulton said.

Charles McAdams, dean and professor of the college of arts and sciences, has provided support for the ISPC and its programs.

He donated \$5,000 to encourage other faculty members to think cre-

atively of projects that would provide different approaches to education, Fulton said.

McAdams said the ISPC provides internationalization at home. The ISPC will give a little understanding of others' culture and that will make their decisions richer.

Ninety-eight percent of students do not have the opportunity to study abroad. Hopefully with the ISPC, we can help provide international experience for those who can't," McAdams said.

"I encourage any student that can

study abroad to do it, and those that can't need to look for ways to interact with others and learn more about the world around them," McAdams said.

The first project evaluation will be held on Dec. 8. The ISPC plans to use the funds raised for the spring and summer trimesters.

"The only goal of the ISPC is for students to have a broader international view and a greater understanding of the world around us," McAdams said.

McAdams encourages faculty to think of experiences that would help bring a greater amount of awareness to the students and the University.

He also wants Northwest students to

participate in international programs so they can get a better understanding of why things happen and how others view the world.

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## Dewhirst edits history of American Congress

Sarah Dulinsky  
Missourian Reporter

Three long years and countless hours of dedication were crammed into one encyclopedia.

Political science professor Robert Dewhirst finished editing an Encyclopedia of Congress earlier this year.

The book took over three years to edit.

Dewhirst said the publishing

company, Facts on File, contacted him to ask if he could do the job.

He said that someone had submitted his name to the publishers anonymously and that is how he was chosen to do the job.

Political science assistant professor Dan Smith said this is not his first book.

"He's written and edited a number of books in the past, so this is no big thing for him," Smith said.

"The thing he likes most about

these kinds of projects is that he gets to learn more."

Smith was one of the contributors to the encyclopedia.

He wrote 14 articles in the encyclopedia.

Kelsi Mathews said that Dewhirst was the right man for the job.

"I think Mr. Dewhirst is a very interesting professor and I believe he has the skills and knowledge to accomplish such a task as editing an encyclopedia."

The Encyclopedia includes a brief history of American Congress from the start of congress to the present day.

Dewhirst contacted and solicited over 50 different teachers and scholars to contribute their knowledge into the encyclopedia.

"I learned a great deal after doing this project," Dewhirst said.

"And I hope that people who read this learn a great deal about American Congress as well."

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## OUR VIEW

# Cities should all be trans-fat free

New York City residents will soon be able to have their cake and eat it, too—with less guilt.

The New York Board of Health voted unanimously Tuesday to make New York restaurants trans-fats free, and we think other cities should follow suit.

Not only do trans fats contribute to heart disease, but they also raise bad cholesterol and lower good cholesterol simultaneously. A common example of a trans fat is partially hydrogenated vegetable oil that can be found in such items as pizza, bakery items and french fries.

The Food and Drug Administration estimates Americans consume 4.7 pounds of trans fats each year.

Until Maryville is included in the list of trans fats free cities, do your part. Since January 2006, the FDA required all food manufacturers to list trans fats on food labels directly under the saturated fats line. Check the labels. If the food you are purchasing contains a lot of trans fats, choose a healthier option instead. Furthermore, replace trans fats with monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats that have health benefits in moderation. Examples of these include olive and canola oils and foods like nuts.

The FDA also recommends eating more fish because it contains lower amounts of trans and saturated fats than red meat.

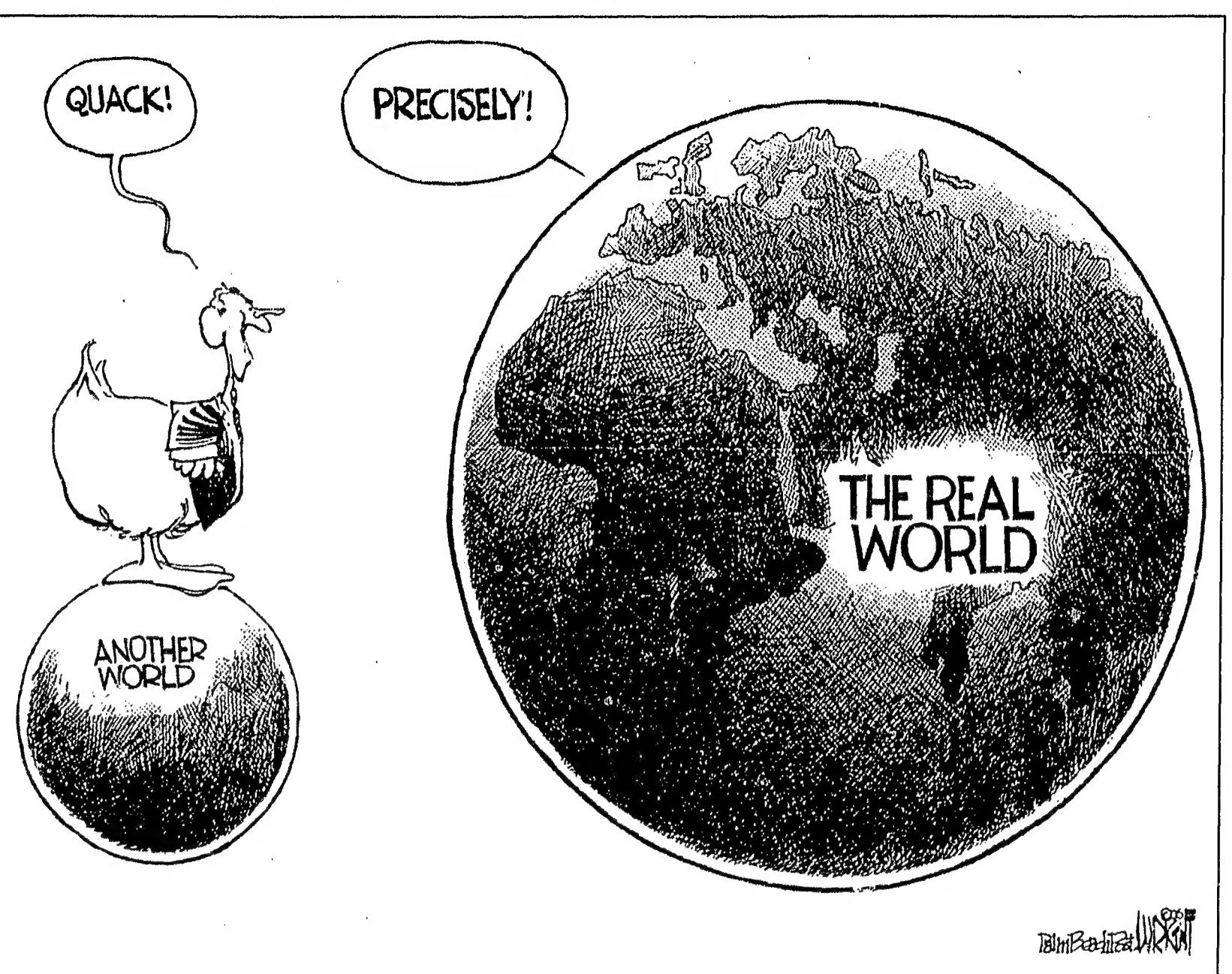
Also, if you feel the need to eat fast food choose one of the few restaurants who have voluntarily switched the type of oil they use in their restaurants including, McDonald's, Wendy's, KFC and Taco Bell.

Approximately 127 million adults are overweight, 60 million are obese and nine million are severely obese, the American Obesity Association reports. This leads to things such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and even death. If you are already overweight, why not take baby steps like eating trans fats in moderation to ensure you live a longer, healthier life?

Conversely, if you eat anything you want because you are skinny with a high metabolism, know that even if you aren't packing on the pounds from your caloric and fat intake, you still aren't healthy and can also suffer health problems as a result of poor diet.

Read labels and remember moderation. It's OK to have trans fats in small amounts, but it is the American way of eating out constantly and blindly sticking food in their mouths that has lead to the bans such as the one in New York City.

Do what you can to help yourself now. Know that trans fats are horrible for you and maybe one day you'll be able to eat the cake from the local bakery with a little less guilt.



## COLUMN

## Spoiling kids not very Christmas-like

Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

When I was 10, all I wanted for Christmas was a pair of \$19.99 pink and purple rollerblades to skate my way around the next roller rink birthday party.

Today, the 10-year-olds of America unite to ask for the one thing parents will literally give an arm and a leg for—a PlayStation 3.

Read price for the newest obsession by Sony runs about \$400. But, of course, if the local Wal-Mart or Best Buy actually had the system, parents would be buying their kid's love for \$12,000.

Five-year-olds of America unite to ask for the one thing parents will literally give an arm and a leg for—a PlayStation 3.

Parents are willing to fork over one.

If I was to ask for anything remotely close to the price of a PlayStation 3 when I was 10, my dad would have told me to get a job.

Honestly, I can't blame kids for asking for ridiculously priced gifts this Christmas. If the parents are willing to fork over one,

parents are hungry give their

quarter of their annual salary to make their kid happy, why not ask for it.

I began my Christmas shopping Saturday and realized parents actually like to spend their life savings on gifts. I stood in line at Kohl's to buy my 3-year-old niece a \$2 book, and I overheard a beer-guzzled mother slapping her gum to the unfortunate soul on the other end of the cell phone.

For all those parents who actually got their hands on a PlayStation 3 this Christmas, congratulations. Congratulations for impressing us all with your outrageous credit card bill.

Congratulations on making every other parent tell their kid why there's no PlayStation 3 under the tree this year. And congratulations on teaching your child the real reason behind Christmas by winning over his affection for a few months.

Wouldn't Jesus be proud?

I'm sure the Monday after Black Friday, parents boasted about their early bird shopping to coworkers after buying their kid the most wanted-hard-to-find expensive gift of the year.

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Joe's gonna have a hell of a time finding something as good as I found for our boy for Christmas. I guess John's just gonna know his mother loves him more."

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## -NW FOOTBALL

# Lineman going for his second championship

Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

Gabe Frank is used to playing championship football.

The senior offensive lineman for the Bearcats was a sophomore member of the 1999 Class 5A State Championship team from Mehlville High School in St. Louis.

He earned all-state, all-district; all-conference and all-metro honors on the offensive line by the time he graduated in 2002. Listed as one of the top-30 recruits in the St. Louis Metro area, he garnered interest from Southeast Missouri State and Missouri State, both CAAC Division I-AA programs.

But Frank's connection with Northwest began four years car-

lier.

"I was flipping through channels when I happened to catch the [Division II] national championship game," Frank said. "The next year ... I was flipping through channels again and saw the same team just getting killed. I flipped it back on three hours later and they were going into the fourth overtime and I'm like 'Wow, this team is pretty good.'"

Frank signed with Northwest and red-shirted in 2002. But during his first three years of eligibility from 2003-05, he saw limited action, playing as a reserve in five games in each of the last two seasons.

This season, Frank earned a starting position at right guard. Since the season-opening game

against Minnesota State, he's started all but once and played in every game. In the depth charts for this weekend's semifinal game, he's also listed as the backup center.

"It was the last two years that really got him ready for this year," Adam Dorrel, offensive line coach said. "He upped his commitment level. He stayed here in Maryville [for the summer]. When I got here in 2004, he was playing too heavy and that affected his mobility. It's been a two-year thing that's gotten him ready to get to this point."

On being able to start on a national championship-contending team, Frank said, "It's surreal. You always want to do it but you're never sure what's going to happen."

Six days later, he may claim his second championship.

And now it has happened.

Support from his parents has been there since day one. While some players are lucky to have parents make it to one game a year, Frank's parents have been making the trip from St. Louis every weekend.

The only game his father missed was in 2002 against Truman.

"I enjoy it a lot," Frank said. "Especially during the year, I won't have to go back as much."

He and the rest of the Northwest squad will be under the lights on Sunday at Bearcat Stadium on the same family of TV networks where he first heard of Northwest.

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OFFENSIVE LINEMAN Gabe Frank makes a block on a Chadron State defender Saturday. Frank also played on the 1999 Class 5A State Championship team at Mihlville High School in St. Louis.

## -NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# O'Grady leads way in victory

Senior makes 5 three-pointers in non-conference win

Cali Arnold  
Assistant Sports Editor

Ten first-half three-pointers were all that was needed for the Northwest women's basketball team, Monday.

Senior Katie O'Grady shot 11-of-11 from the field, including 5-of-5 from three-point range in the first 20 minutes of play against St. Mary's (Texas) to put the Bearcats up 44-28 at halftime. The 'Cats ended the game with a 73-61 victory over the Rattlers.

O'Grady led all scorers with 21 points, and also tallied four rebounds and three assists.

She said nothing 'extraordinary' was done on her part to explain her intense night of shooting.

"I was on, and I don't really have an explanation for it," O'Grady said. "...I guess when the ball goes in, it goes in."

The ball seemed to be doing

## ESPN: Worldwide leader in sports showing up early Sunday

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Unfortunately one of the downfalls of ESPN's arrival is that lots of room will be taken up in the press box. Their talent will need one booth and those in charge of instant replay will also need a booth.

So, student radio station KZLX will not be able to broadcast on Sunday, though it is a home game. Sports information director Chad Waller said he tried everything could to get KZLX a spot but there just wasn't enough room.

Waller even said he thought about putting KZLX on the roof but after reviewing it with maintenance workers and members of Environmental Services they decided not to. Waller said it was because of the possibility of inclement weather and safety hazards.

Dave Bales, sports director at KZLX, said that while it is sad he won't be able to broadcast his last home game at Northwest, he understands that's just how student media

circumstances.

"I understand it...we've been through it before, Division II studios aren't really built for this much media," Bales said. "...There's nobody to blame, I know Chad did everything he could."

While Bales and radio partner Matt Moon—both seniors—have been through this before when traveling to cover road games KZLX usually has taken a backseat to the Bearcat Radio Network. If KZLX gets a spot—some times they can't—they are on occasion in a booth but also have been on roofs.

Bales said that he understands why the Bearcat Radio Network gets the upper edge because they have a wider region and can reach more people. KZLX's listening area, he said, "on a good day barely gets out of town." However, he said it still wasn't disappointing.

"That's just how student media

goes," Bales said. "...It probably won't be the last time, it's just unfortunate."

The hardest thing to swallow for Bales is that Chadron State was the last Northwest home game he will ever cover.

It also could be the last Northwest game if Northwest loses to Bloomsburg.

"It hurts because our network can't cover it, it hurts because it is the semifinal game," Bales said. "On a personal level, it hurts because Chadron State could have been our last game."

Overall, all those involved know that the final impact of a nationally-televised night playoff game is Maryville will leave a huge mark.

"Anytime national TV comes, it's good exposure for the town, that's a natural," Carter said. "People want to watch good, quality football especially when it's pure."

## LIGHTS: Northwest will host first night game in nearly 30 years

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"They were old then when they went down," Flanagan said.

He said the lights will be held up by trucks and that he doesn't think they will obstruct anybody's view.

The production of the lights differs a little bit from how they were put up in 1977. It will be the first time since Sept. 10, 1977, that Northwest has hosted a night game. The last time Bearcat Stadium had lights, Kirk Mathews, father of current Northwest quarterback Josh Mathews was quarterback.

Richard Flanagan was the athletic director at Northwest at the time and he remembers how ineffective the lights were.

Flanagan said they were old then when they went down.

Flanagan said the steel structure to replace the lights. He said it was hard finding someone that was willing to go to the top of the post and replace the lights.

"The administration decided instead of trying to replace them, to take them down and get them out of there," Flanagan said. "Because they were not efficient the way they were... I agreed with them wholeheartedly because I had to go up the post a few times to put in light bulbs."

Former coach at the time, and former Northwest athletic director, Jim Redd said the energy crisis along with the lights being very dim played a part in their removal.

"It was distressing at the time," said Redd, who is currently the athletic director at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. "They were very popular at the time, they got real good crowds."

Redd, who is responsible for hiring Tjerdtsma, said that a game like this will have a tremendous impact on the town.

He also said the night game atmosphere was 'unique' and a game like this could see a push for lights in the future.

Boerigter said lights could be more than a year away. He said a big reason they don't have lights currently is because of priorities among football and other Northwest sports.

But nonetheless, Sunday will be a historic night for Northwest sports. "You can't measure that sort of impact," Redd said.

### SPORTSBRIEFS

Younger Rector signs contract

Former Northwest wide receiver Andre Rector recently signed onto an Arena football team.

The Spokane Shock, out of Spokane, Wash., announced the signing of Rector Monday for their 2007 roster.

Rector's last season was in 2005 when he helped lead the team to the national championship game.

He set single-season records for yards (1,297), catches (97) and tied for third in touchdowns (11). He finished third at Northwest in receptions (213) and fourth in touchdown receptions (18).

He's currently sixth on the MIAA career list in yardage with 3,049 yards. Rector's older brother, Jamaicah, currently plays for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

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# Waters 'motors' along

Cali Arnold  
Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes the quiet people are the ones who say the most.

Such is the case for Northwest defensive end Ryan Waters.

The 6-3, 255 pound senior from Independence, Mo., doesn't do much talking, but he gets the job done on the field.

As a co-captain for the 2006 Bearcats, Waters broke the Northwest career sacks record with the win over Midwestern State on Nov. 25. He now stands at the top of the charts with 22.5 sacks, ahead of Erik Petersen with 21.5.

"He shows his leadership by what he does on the field," said fellow senior and co-captain Kyle Kaiser. "He's one of those guys who doesn't say too much to other people, but he leads by example and does a great job of doing that."

**A good 'motor'**

When Chuck Litteras, Waters' former coach at Fort Osage, moved to Maryville, he informed the coaches at Northwest of the football player's skills.

"Last year really helped me out, going through the playoff run and everything, to put me where I'm at this year," Waters said.

While last year's playoff run was spent away from Bearcat Stadium, the comfort of having every game but the championship at home is there for Waters and the Cats.

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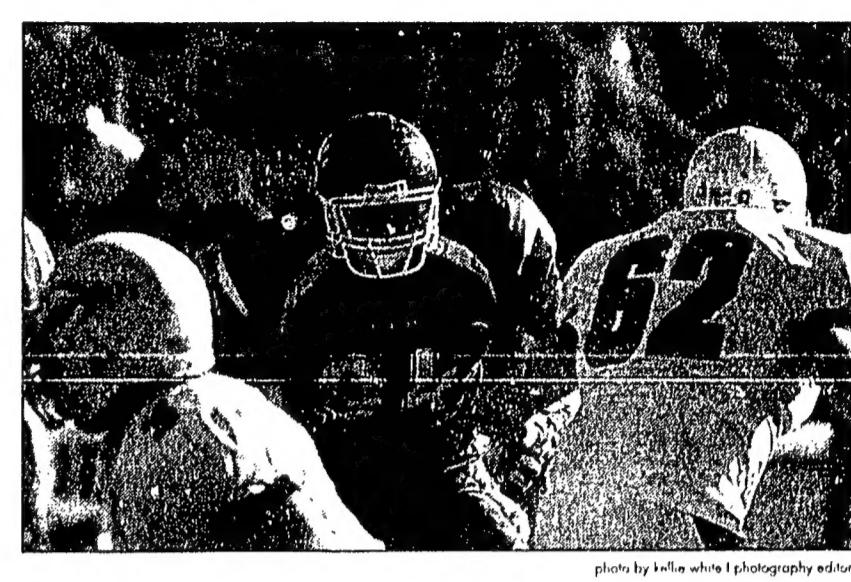


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NORTHWEST DEFENSIVE end Ryan Waters tries to get an offensive lineman Saturday against Chadron State. Waters, in his career, has totalled 22.5 sacks, which is a school record. He set the record two weeks ago.

### Making an early impact

After red-shirting his first season as a Bearcat, Waters notched 2.5 sacks during his first season of play and saw action in 12 games as a sophomore as the reserve defensive end. The last two seasons have been spent as a starter for the 'Cats.

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Getting through the conference schedule, which was done this season with a 9-0 record in the MIAA, was also a major step to getting back where the team is this season.

**Working hard**

Individually, Tjerdtsma believes Waters has progressed as a player thanks largely to the team's strength program. The hard work of becoming a defensive end has paid off in the coach's eyes.

"He knew that if he wanted to play a lot he was going to have to be a defensive end," Tjerdtsma said. "He's done a lot of it on his own. He's developed himself and learned how to play the play."

Waters' quiet demeanor doesn't stop him from leading his team. While he doesn't say much, Tjerdtsma said when he does speak, everyone listens.

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After trailing 10-4 at the first quarter, Maryville's Leah Wilmes scored in eight points as Gaddobis added six points.

"We started off slow and then had to play catch up the rest of the game," Hageman said about the South Harrison game. "We had some runs after the start and played to a pretty good game after the first break."

After trailing 7-

**Crossword****—STROLLER****Your Man evaluates students**

Psychology is my thing. I'm the Sigmund Freud of my world. Being so, I offer an insight into your average college student.

There are three basic types of college students—the try-hards, the try-nots and the complete wastes of skin.

**The Try-Hards**

By far my least favorite student, and to be perfectly honest, everyone's least favorite. You can see this student everywhere. Not because they're numerous, but because this person belongs to every group, organization and team known to man. But it's in the classroom where this air horn of annoying, this baron of bull-busting, is most lethal.

With 20 minutes left in class Dr. So-So says:

"That's all I have...unless anybody has any questions?"

The answer is NO. Why would anyone have any questions? Wait, a hand just went up. Whose was it? The try-hard's.

"Yeah could you explain the protein-synthesis chain again, please," a smile as large as their



more important things than bias tests and arbitrary grades.

They've learned the golden rule.

Golden Rule: D's get degrees and if D's get degrees there is no reason to go to class and get a B. The Complete Wastes of Skin

**The Try-Nots**

This is a very fun group. They know the golden rule, too. The problem is they can't put the bottle down long enough to scratch a D...in racquetball. I often wonder how this group got to college in the first place. Don't get me wrong I'm glad they're here, but I don't see how at some point someone told them they belong in college. Maybe the conversation went a little something like this:

High school counselor: "Well I know you have a 1.53 GPA and you only got a 0 on your A.C.T., but I think you could make it in college."

Complete waste of skin: "Really? Sweet! Is weed legal in college?"

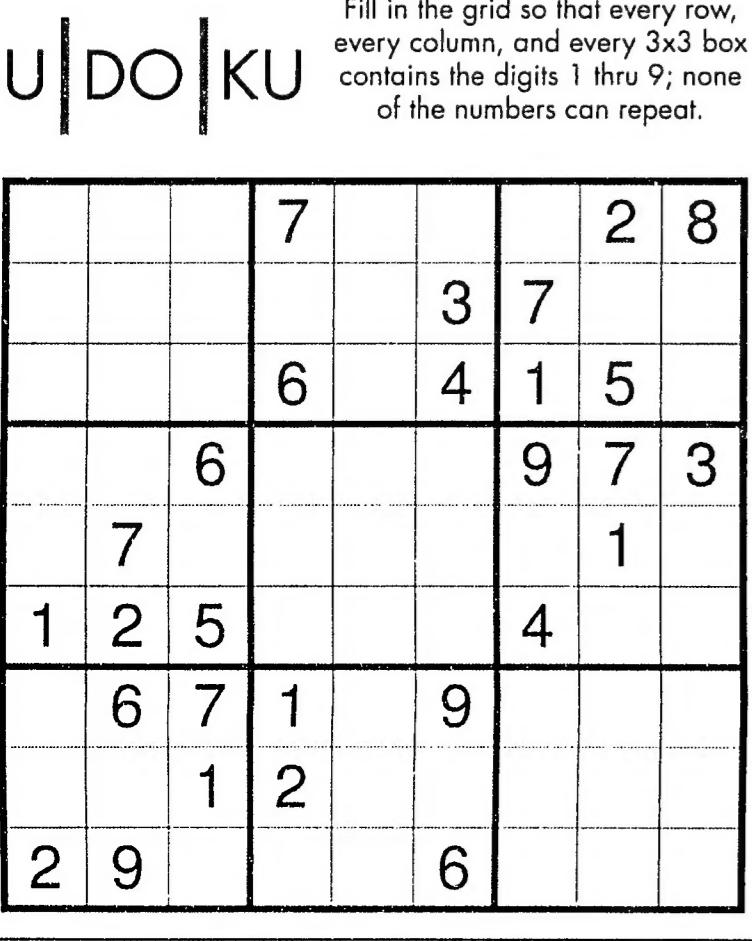
These are my people. I'll analyze them briefly. This is the group that makes up most of the college population. Also known as the "Why go to class when I could be \_\_\_\_\_ instead" group. This group has a good grasp on reality. They understand that there are

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

**HOLIDAY****Only you can prevent Christmas tree fires**

Megan Heuer  
Missourian Reporter

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 thru 9; none of the numbers can repeat.

**Tree Tidbits**

■ Each year between 30 and 35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States.

■ More than 500,000 acres are set aside for growing Christmas trees.

■ One acre of tree-growing property provides daily oxygen requirements for 18 people.

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stand with room for at least a gallon of water is also necessary to maintain a moist and safe tree.

The needs to be inspected to make sure there are no shorts or damaged bulbs, Rickabaugh said. Also, if new lights are needed check the labels on the boxes for the UL listing, which means it has been tested for fire safety.

In 2005, there were 32.8 million real trees purchased and an additional 9.3 million artificial trees, according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

Because most trees are pre-cut, several problems may arise.

Maryville Fire Department Lt. Phil Rickabaugh said there are easy tasks that make having a real tree safer this holiday season.

Most of all make sure to properly maintain the tree and keep it watered," Rickabaugh said.

By cutting two inches off the trunk of a pre-cut tree immediately after getting it home, Rickabaugh said it allows a fresh base that better absorbs water. A large tree

has been a part of the Maryville Fire Department, he said he has seen one fire caused from a Christmas tree. However, there are 200 fires nationally each year, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

After the last gift is unwrapped and the ornaments are packed neatly away in their tubs, the tree can be recycled properly. To locate the nearest recycling program, log onto Realchristmas.org or call 1-800-CLEANUP.

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